

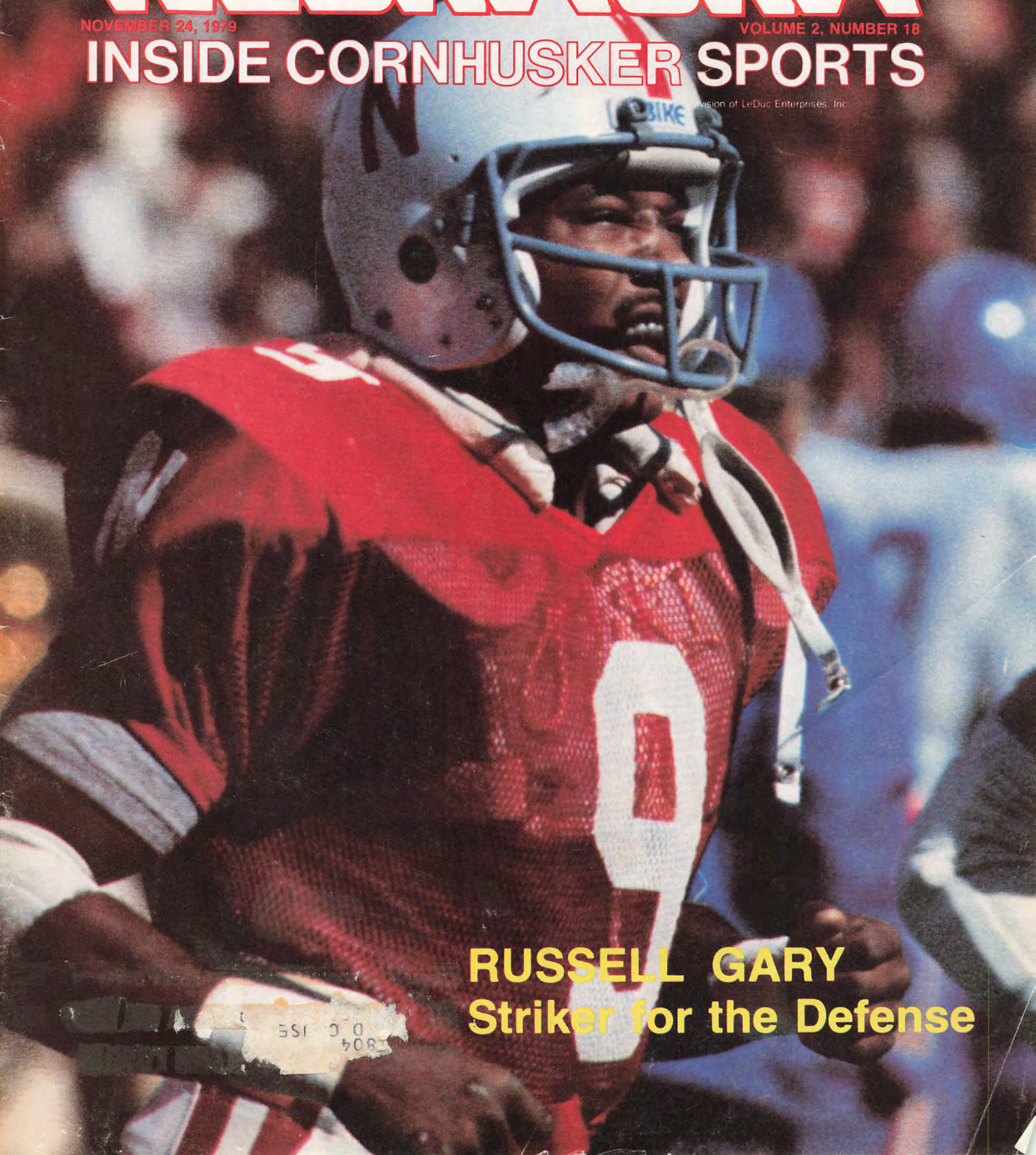
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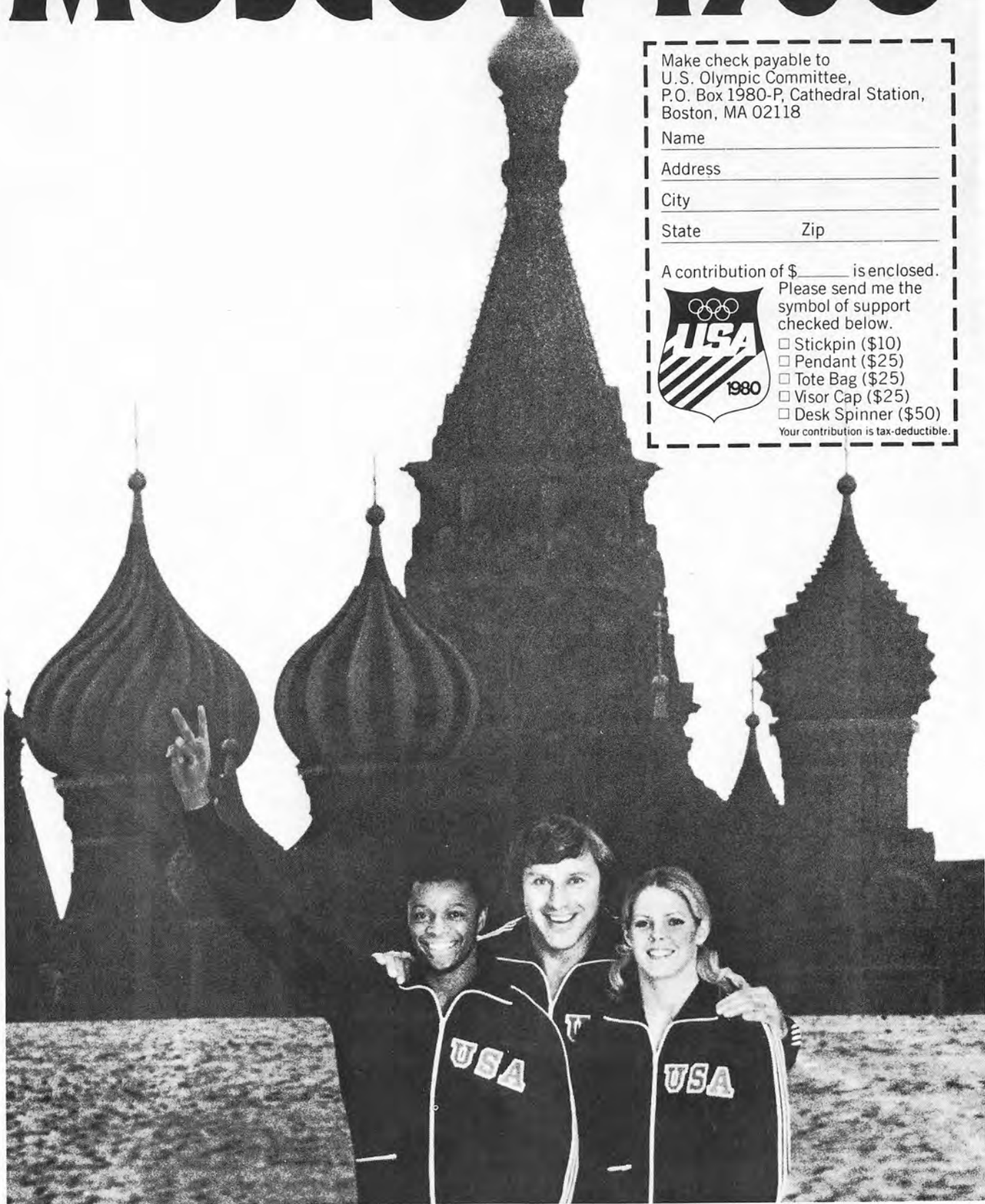
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Iowa State 10th Victim 34-3

# And Finally, There Is OU

by Charlie Smith

Before the football season, the *Des Moines Register* conducted a poll among its Iowa readers to determine the most hated football opponent. Ohio State and Nebraska were runaway winners.

In following up the poll, a *Register* reporter called Nebraska sports information director Don Bryant and asked for a comment. Told the results, Bryant responded, "I hope if it's based on winning that they hate us forever."

The Cornhuskers, who could not deny they had an eye cast toward Oklahoma, wasted little time disposing of Iowa State again last Saturday. With Jeff Quinn drawing his first starting assignment since the second game of the season, Nebraska scored on all five possessions in the first

half. The second half was played only because there were 30 minutes left on the clock — and because another sellout crowd of 76,049 was enjoying basking in the bright sunshine of a 70-degree late November afternoon.

The final score was 34-3. But Iowa State left Lincoln with the satisfaction of knowing it has been the only team to score on Nebraska in the fourth quarter all season.

The Cyclones did it by passing up a chance to go for a touchdown with 1:37 remaining and Alex Giffords kicked a 22-yard field goal.

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne did not appear miffed that Iowa State had broken the Huskers' fourth-quarter string, though. "I'm sure they wanted to score some

points," he said. "They didn't want to get shut out. I don't care . . . whatever."

No doubt of far more concern to Osborne is the health of a couple of his stellar performers, namely I-back Jarvis Redwine and defensive end Derrie Nelson.

Redwine, for the third straight week, could not finish a game. He suffered a strained knee against Missouri and an ankle sprain at Kansas State. Once again, the ankle gave way against Iowa State.

That occurred on the fifth play of the game, which also happened to be Redwine's fourth straight carry. It was a 12-yard run to the Nebraska 46.

"I had an ankle problem coming into the game," Redwine shrugged. "This doesn't feel as bad as the other one. It should be all right."

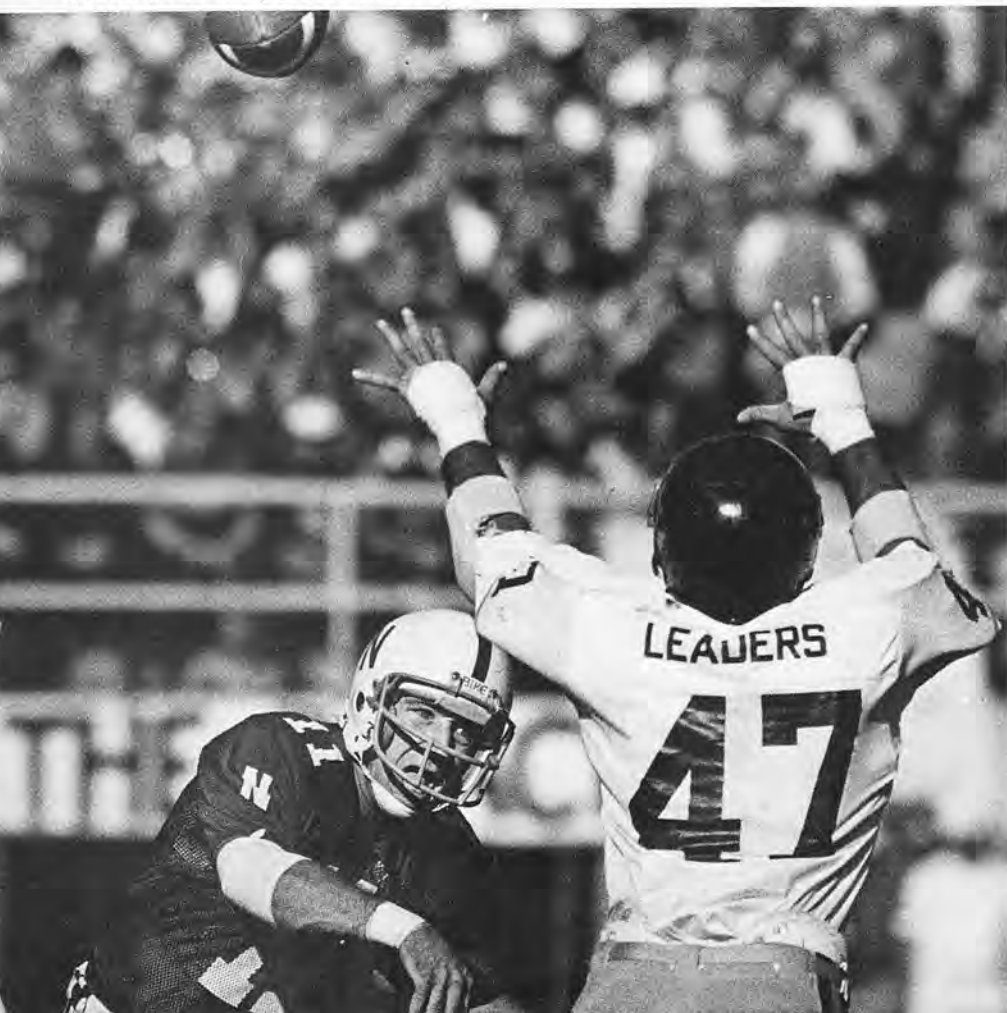
"I was just running and made a cut. It just flared up again."

Redwine's tender left ankle could be a major factor in this Saturday's battle at Norman, which will send the winner to the Orange Bowl against Florida State and the loser to the Cotton Bowl against the Southwest Conference champion.

Redwine asked to return to the game, but Osborne refused him. He wanted to take no further chances with the ankle.

Of almost as much concern is Nelson. He first suffered a sprained ankle against Missouri, but returned to the game after the Tigers tied the score. It was his sack of Phil Bradley on the final play of the game that may have preserved Nebraska's unbeaten season.

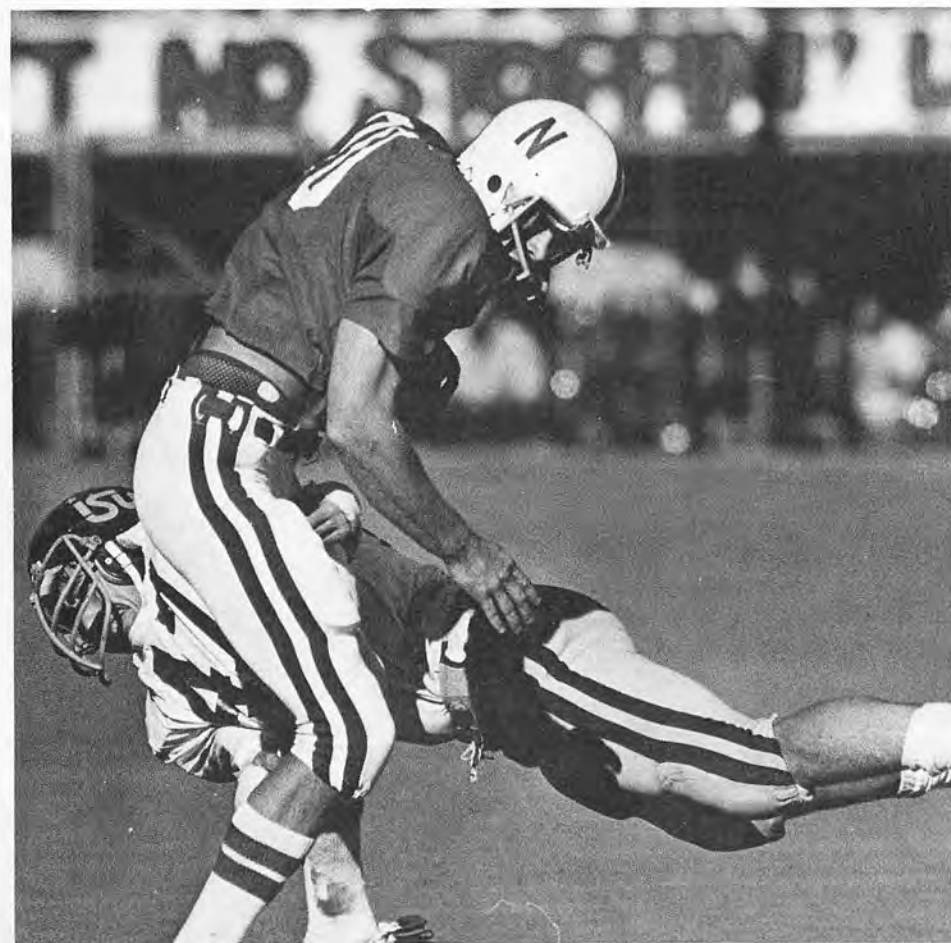
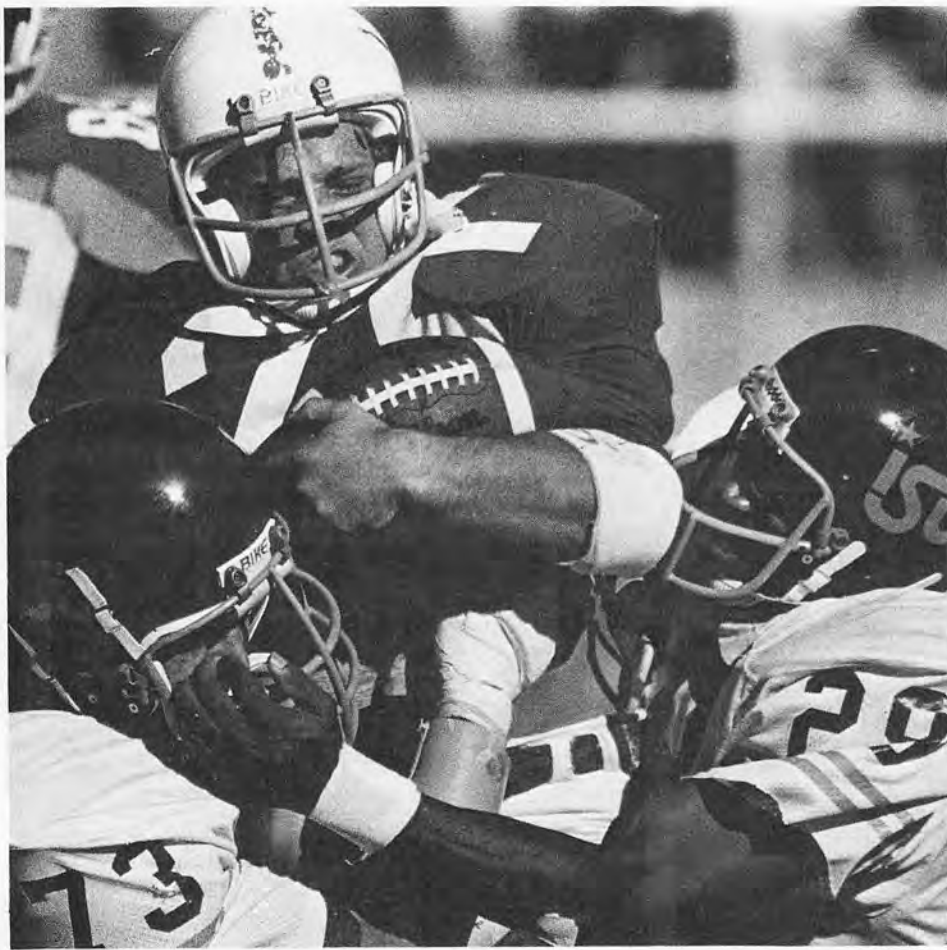
Nelson did not make the trip to Kansas State, but was pronounced fit for Iowa



Jeff Quinn (11), left, and Junior Miller (89), right, enjoyed exceptional games against Iowa State. Quinn, passing over the outstretched arms of blitzing linebacker Mike Leaders (47), completed 11 of 17 passes for 163 yards. Miller caught six passes, including two touchdown grabs. At right, the big tight end pulls a 19-yard TD toss away from Cyclone safety Mike Schwartz (26) with 53 seconds to play in the second quarter.

Ted Kirk photos





State. With 4:08 left in the second quarter, though, Nelson turned his left ankle again and hobbled off the Memorial Stadium turf.

Concerning the injuries, Osborne said, "I'm not too concerned about Jarvis. He just got the ankle stung a little. I think Jarvis will be all right next week."

Isaiah Hipp, who has suffered from strained toe ligaments all season, was held out of practice the entire week. But he ran better against Iowa State than he has since early in the season, gaining 61 yards on 13 carries.

Redwine has to be the primary concern, however. With four games to play, the 204-pound junior had 889 rushing yards and looked like he might gain 1,500 for the season. But in the last three games, he has accumulated only 89 yards and still needs 22 to gain 1,000.

"He just bumped his ankle again," said trainer George Sullivan. "There's nothing different, no change. He wanted to go back in awfully bad. But he was just limping enough that we couldn't let him."

Redwine stood along the sideline with the rest of the players without his helmet and shoulder pads in the second half.

**T**his game was not in doubt after the first few minutes. That's when the Cornhuskers took command.

They kept the football virtually the entire first quarter, but scored only three points on a 27-yard Dean Sukup field goal. Sukup tacked on another three-pointer, from 24 yards out, on the first play of the second quarter, however.

In the first quarter, Iowa State had only three offensive plays and a punt. Nebraska blew the game apart with three touchdown marches in the second quarter and held a 28-0 lead at halftime. Iowa State did not chalk up its initial first down until 4:08 remained in the second quarter on a 3-yard run by Danny Goodwin. That, incidentally, was the same play Nelson reinjured his ankle.

Hipp entered the game for the first time early in the second quarter after Kenny Brown had returned a punt to the Nebraska 46.

Nebraska's first touchdown march took eight plays. Hipp carried four times for a total of 30 yards. Quinn nailed Junior Miller with a pass for the final 13 yards with 8:56 left in the half. Then he came back with a pass to Brown for the two-point conversion.

**Nebraska running backs absorbed the usual amount of bruises. Tim Wurth (25), above, is sandwiched between Terry Earnest (73) and Jeff Stallworth (29). Craig Johnson (30), below, is nailed by Mike Leaders (47).**

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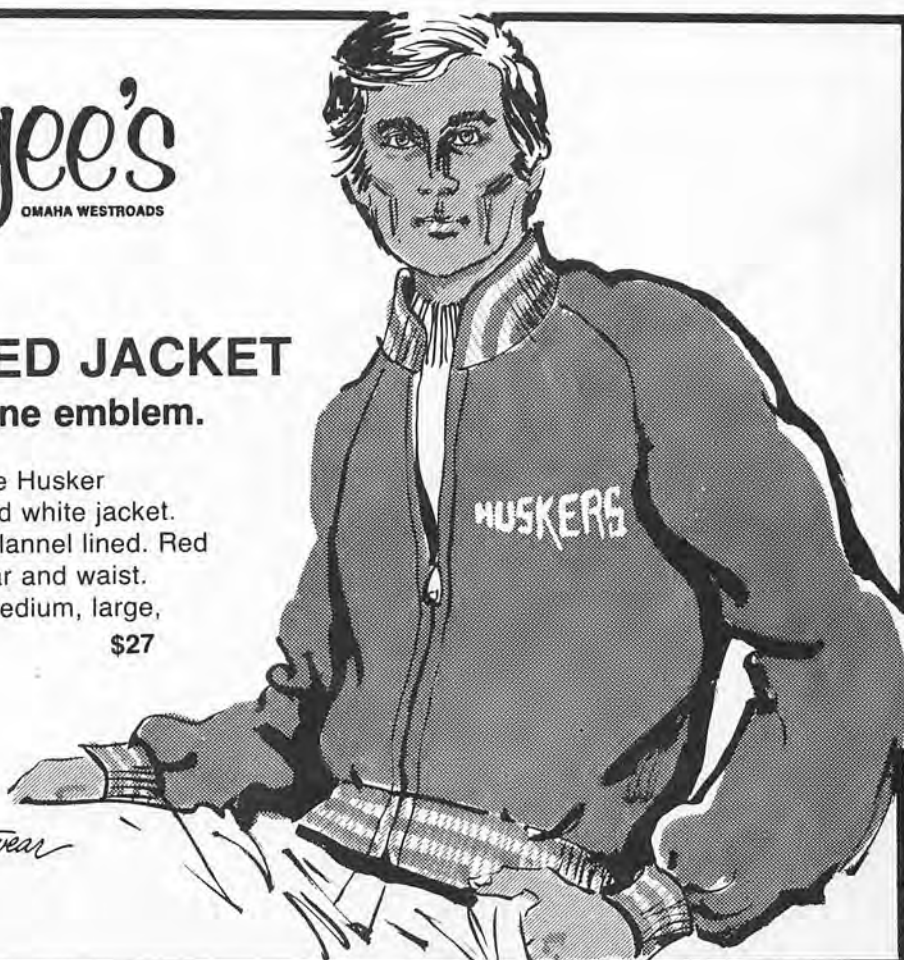
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Shortly thereafter, Iowa State's Terry Rubley missed a handoff to Jack Seabrooke and the football bounced into the waiting arms of linebacker Brent Williams at the Cyclones' 28-yard line.

Hipp caromed through a big hole on the right side for 11 yards and Quinn hit Miller again with a seven-yard completion. Hipp followed with gains of three and two yards before fullback Andra Franklin plowed over from the two.

Nebraska's last possession of the half began at the Cornhuskers' 42. Quinn continued his pattern of seeking out Miller. First, he nailed the 244-pound tight end with a 21-yard toss to the Iowa State 34. From the 19, Quinn fired a sideline pass toward the goal and Miller plucked the ball away from ISU safety Mike Schwartz.

"That was like a pair of pliers competing with a forklift," Iowa State coach Donnie Duncan said after the game.

That touchdown lifted the score to 28-0 and, for all practical purposes, ended any doubts about the outcome.

"Jeff had a real fine first half," said Osborne. "He had a good game. I'm just sorry I didn't get to play (Tim) Hager more."

Hager, the fifth-year senior who had started seven straight games, did not re-

ceive his first taste of action until 6:57 remained.

Miller enjoyed one of his finest days, catching six passes for 83 yards and running three times on end-around plays for 22 more.

"I got kind of winded today," he said. "I wasn't used to catching the ball and running with it so much."

The touchdown receptions were the first for Miller since the Kansas game, the fifth contest of the season.

At halftime Quinn had completed 8 of 9 tosses and Nebraska held an 18-3 margin in first downs. For the game Quinn was 11 of 17 for 163 yards and the Huskers held a 30-8 spread in first downs. They also had 311 yards rushing for a 474-yard total offense output.

Iowa State was held to 29 yards rushing and 98 more passing.

Nebraska's early drives that ended in field goals were time-consuming efforts. The Huskers held the ball for 16 plays after the opening kickoff before stalling at the Iowa State nine. It was in that drive that Redwine was hurt. A third-down pass by Quinn at the nine fell incomplete, though, setting up Sukup's 27-yarder.

After Iowa State punted, the Huskers began at their 20. This time they stormed all the way to the Iowa State one. That occurred after a seven-yard run by Craig Johnson on a first-down play.

On the next down, though, Nebraska was called for illegal procedure. Franklin and Quinn were held to one yard and a loss of two, respectively, before Sukup toed a 24-yarder on the first play of the second quarter.

After a scoreless third quarter, the Huskers began their final scoring drive at the Nebraska 35 on the first possession of the fourth quarter.

Tim McCrady contributed a 13-yard scamper on a wingback reverse and Quinn completed an 11-yard pass to Tim Smith. Not even a 15-yard penalty for holding could stop Nebraska on this drive.

The penalty, which pushed the Huskers back to the Iowa State 29, was made up by a four-yard run by Miller, a 17-yard pass to Miller and a five-yard run by Hipp for a first down at the three. Quinn sneaked over from the one with 8:42 left in the contest.

Iowa State began its lone scoring drive from its 30 with 4:17 remaining. Rubley hit 14 and 17-yard passes to Jerry Lorenzen in the march against Nebraska reserves. A



Nebraska's defensive unit enjoyed another fine outing, holding Iowa State to 29 yards rushing on 28 carries. Dan Goodwin (40) is plowed under by Bill Barnett, right, and L. C. Cole (81). Brent Williams (66) moves in to help.

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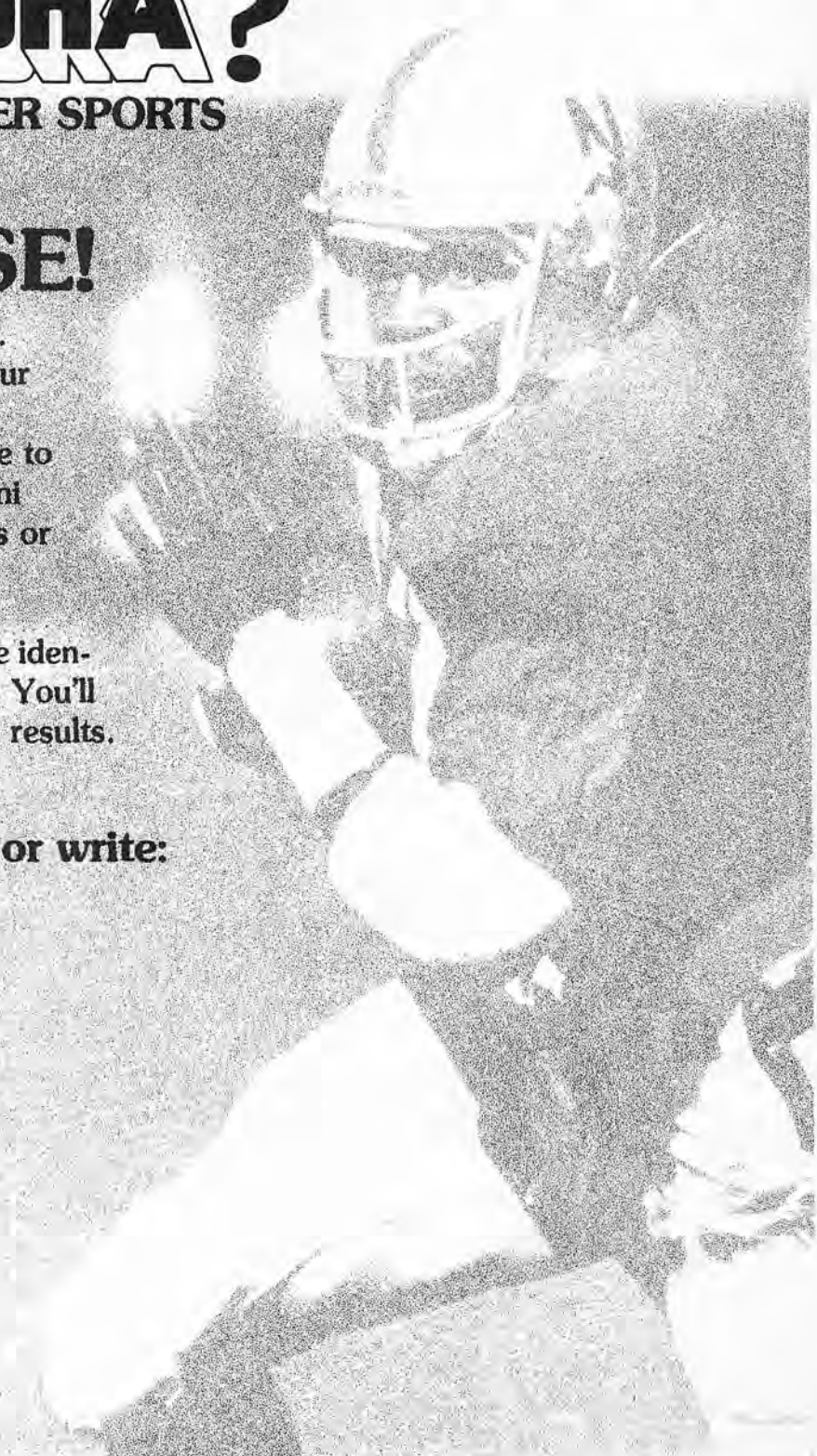
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pass interference penalty moved the ball to the Nebraska six. From there, however, the Huskers stiffened and, on fourth down, Duncan chose to use Giffords' toe rather than go for a touchdown. Iowa State still had six yards to go.

"I thought the drive we had going deserved some points," said Duncan. "We had three tries at the touchdown and didn't make it. Besides, I thought the fans wanted me to go for the TD."

He was right. The Huskers' partisans roundly booed his decision to go for the field goal.

Some of Iowa State's players took guesses about the upcoming Oklahoma-Nebraska confrontation.

"I think that Oklahoma is more physical, but not as quick as Nebraska," said Rubley. "Nebraska was tougher than I expected. After looking at them on film, we thought we could run on them better than we did."

Added tailback Dan Goodwin, "I'd say that Oklahoma's offense has more speed and is better, but Nebraska has the better defense. I'll have to go with Nebraska next week and I'd like to see them go all the way and win the national championship."

All the guessing can cease next Saturday at 11:50 a.m. (CST). That's when the kickoff is scheduled. And what the whole season has been about from the start will happen. **N**



Junior Miller (89) handled the football more than usual, much to the dismay of the Cyclones. Terry Earnest (73) sacrifices his body in this instance.

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# The Coaches Say:



**TOM OSBORNE,**  
Nebraska

**About the showdown with Oklahoma:**

"This is about as good a position as we've been in for some time. We were confident a year ago. From what I've seen of Oklahoma, I've gotten the impression that they've improved since the season began. I think they're playing better. They've gotten better each of the last four games.

"We should have a good week of practice. The thing that's different this year is that we should take a stronger defense down there. This is probably a better defensive football team than we've had for some time."

**About the return to form of I. M. Hipp:**

"The trainers said before the game that Hipp was better than he had been. I think

Isaiah felt better today than he has in a long time."

**DONNIE DUNCAN,**  
Iowa State

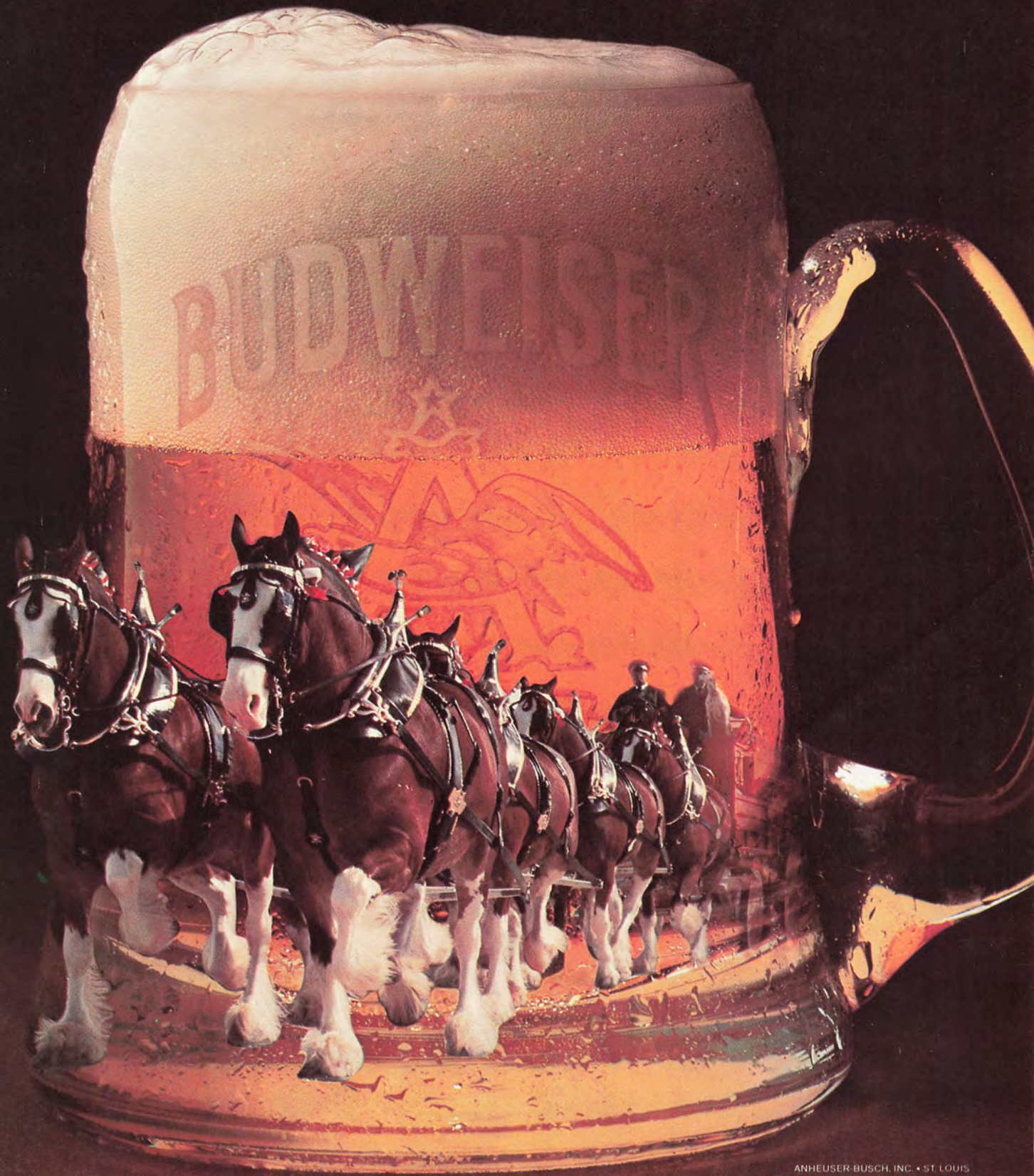
**About the strength of Nebraska:**

"Nebraska wasn't any better than we expected; they were awesome. We knew what their strengths were and nothing really surprised me except the number of points (25) they scored in the second quarter. They threw the ball real well. Any team that has Junior Miller will have success throwing the football."

**About comparing Nebraska and Oklahoma:**

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NEBRASKA VS. OKLAHOMA

# It's That Time Again

by Charlie Smith

The Nebraska-Oklahoma series did not begin in 1971, although some historians will attest to that in future years. There had been 51 games before that confrontation. After all, who could forget that in 1959 Nebraska scored a 25-21 victory and ended Oklahoma's string of 75 straight conference games without a loss?

But, in truth, the series did go big-time with "The Game of the Century." Virtually all that has followed has been a spinoff of that mammoth event.

Certainly, no other college football game ever has drawn more attention. Everything focused toward that November 25 afternoon as early as six weeks before the game was played in 1971. As soon as Oklahoma beat Texas that fall, it was apparent: Unless there was an upset of huge proportions, both Nebraska and Oklahoma would play for the national championship on Thanksgiving Day.

And, sure enough, they did. It was called "Shootout One," appropriately named by Dan Jenkins of *Sports Illustrated*. And every November since, only the number has changed. Next Saturday the Big Eight football giants will play "Shootout Nine" in Norman.

There have been other exceptional games since. But never again has number one met number two. And never again have both brought perfect records into the regular-season finale. So dominant were the Cornhuskers and Sooners in 1971 that 20 of the 22 players on the All-Big Eight first team were from Nebraska and Oklahoma.

As everyone knows, Nebraska won 35-31. And Jeff Kinney scored four touchdowns, the last one from two yards away with 1:38 remaining. A then-record 55 million watched via television and another record 63,385 saw the game at Owen Field.

And the Nebraska-Oklahoma game still

is the biggest game of the year in the Big Eight. This year will be no different.

OU coach Barry Switzer has been known to combat July and August queries about the strengths of other teams by saying, "Aw, forget it. It'll be OU and Nebraska again, just like always."

So far, Switzer never has been wrong.

Johnny Keith, former Sooner sports information director now at New Mexico, views the series with fondness.

"The thing I know," says Keith, "is that whoever wins, the other team seldom gets mad. It's been a friendly rivalry between two class teams.

"I know it's always the game that creates the most headaches as far as incoming press and bowl representatives."

Certainly, the game has been the biggest on Nebraska's schedule for many years. There's nothing like one Big Red getting ready for another Big Red. But Oklahoma also has Texas.

"But Nebraska-Oklahoma is always more important because of the conference and the time of the season," says Keith. "You know, as far as deciding bowls and all that."

Nebraska SID Don Bryant points to the 1971 game as the development that boosted the series into the same class as Ohio State-Michigan, UCLA-Southern Cal and Texas-Arkansas.

"That was the game that created all kinds of interest," says Bryant. "But it was big before that, too. Since 1972 we've played for the conference title almost every year.

"It just naturally kept getting bigger and bigger and bigger. But 1971 was the one that really put it in the national spotlight."

Big Eight commissioner Chuck Neinas agrees:

"That game did more for Big Eight football than anything. It had tremendous pre-game publicity and the contest itself surpassed its billing."

With Colorado also finishing strong that season, Big Eight teams were ranked 1-2-3 in the final Associated Press poll after the bowl games. It was a feat the league still is beating its chest over.

The 1971 loss prompted Oklahoma to win six in a row. Some of those, however, were ultra-close.

In 1972, for instance, Nebraska jumped on top 14-0, but lost 17-14 when a freshman named Tinker Owens caught some crucial passes and the Cornhuskers lost four fumbles and three pass interceptions.

Just mentioning that contest still rankles JNU athletic director Bob Devaney.

"The way the rules are now, we'd have won," says Devaney. "They pushed Johnny Rodgers out of bounds before he caught a touchdown pass. We were ahead 14-0. We should never have lost that one."

Devaney remembers the series as one of missed opportunities for his teams.

"The only times they should have won when I was coaching," he says, "were in '62, '67 and '68. But we blew three of 'em in '64, '66 and '72."

As for how he views Oklahoma, Devaney understates, "They've certainly been troublesome for us, no doubt about it."

That can be substantiated. There have been 59 games in the series; Oklahoma has won 32, Nebraska 24 and there have been three ties. It's the only Big Eight series Nebraska does not lead.

Nebraska held a 17-13 lead in 1976 when OU gained control of the ball with 3:30 left and 85 yards to travel. But the Sooners did the job, thanks to a 47-yard halfback pass from sub Woodie Shepard to Steve Rhodes and a 32-yard pass-and-lateral play from Dean Blevins to Rhodes to Elvis Peacock.

Peacock scored from the two with 38 seconds left for a 20-17 victory. He was accompanied by thousands of groans from another sellout crowd in Lincoln.

Oklahoma has won big on a couple of occasions in recent years, but the most one-sided game occurred in 1973 when the score was only 27-0. Nebraska crossed midfield only once — and that pass play ended in a lost fumble.

The Huskers broke the Sooner spell last November 11 in Lincoln. It took nine Oklahoma fumbles — six were lost — before Nebraska claimed a 17-14 triumph. Jim

**Jeff Kinney gained 171 yards in the historic 1971 Nebraska-Oklahoma game, but what everyone remembers is Kinney scored four touchdowns — and Nebraska won.**



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Pillen came up with the big one, Billy Sims' final upchuck at the Nebraska three with 3:27 left.

The Sooners didn't have to wait long to gain their revenge, however, scoring a 31-24 triumph in the January 1 Orange Bowl. Sims, incidentally, scored five touchdowns during the season against Nebraska, two on November 11 and three more in the bowl game.

So, the stage is set for another Big Eight showdown. And, as usual, it's Nebraska and Oklahoma again.

But there has been more than wins and losses. One who has observed the series up close through the last decade and before is Volney Meece, sports columnist for the *Oklahoma City Times*.

Meece annually makes the trek to Lincoln the week before the game and spends several days talking with Cornhuskers' players.

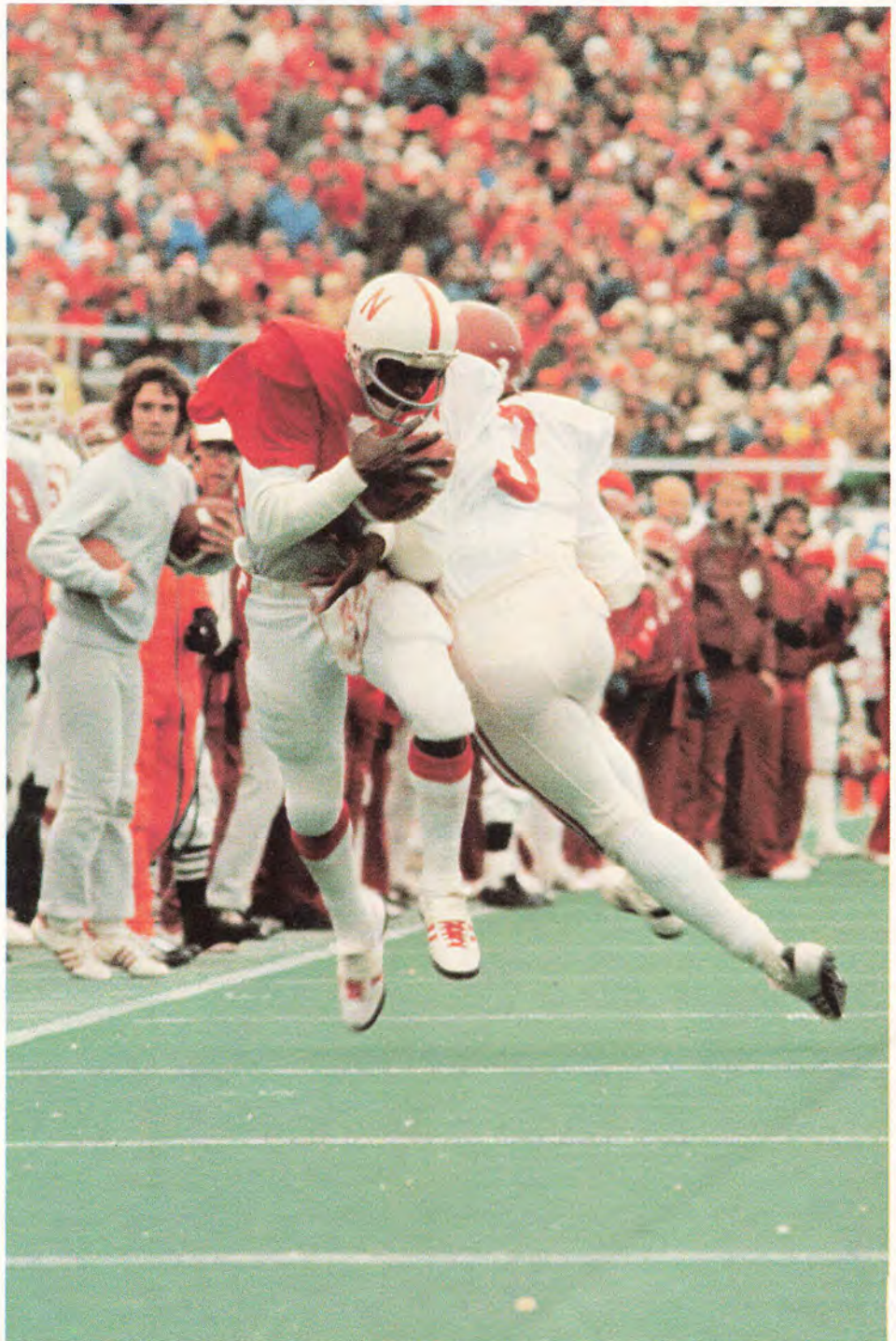
"The thing I've always been impressed with," he says, "is the respect all the players have for each other. I think both schools have a lot of class people. The coaches always let the players talk — and that shows me something.

"And in the games, there's hardly ever any dirty stuff. There's hardly ever very many penalties."

Meece, when he visits Lincoln, likes to stop at Barry's, a favorite downtown tavern for many. He asks to send a message to Laura, the owner:

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There are a lot of Nebraskans who hope Meece has to lick his 15-cent stamp. **N**



Another typical hit is made in the 1978 contest, OU's Darrol Ray (3) belting the Huskers' Frank Lockett. Referee Earl Shostrom said it was the hardest hitting game he had officiated in a 38-year career.

## BIG RED GALLERY

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There is plenty of hitting going on. And that's what it takes to make room for a charging I-back.

Up close and personal, you can see the strength it takes to move big folks around. At far left, tackle John Havekost (69) does his job. So does fullback Andra Franklin, the lead blocker, as he takes on Oklahoma State linebacker Ricky Young (59). And then there is tight end Jeff Finn (87) working on cornerback John Odom (23).

And in between Franklin and Finn darts the man with the football, Jarvis Redwine, the offensive surprise of the season. With blocks like this, it's easy to see why Redwine and other Nebraska backs have averaged nearly 400 yards a game rushing this fall.

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RUSSELL GARY, MARK LEROY

# Survival of the Fittest

by Randy York

**D**r. Jekyll may have amazed everyone when he alternated egos with Mr. Hyde, but that's nothing compared to what you see and what you get from Nebraska defensive backs Mark LeRoy and Russell Gary.

Off the field they are two of the best-natured, most mature college football players you'll find anywhere — always smiling, always friendly, always going out of their way to help anyone who seeks it.

Put a helmet on either one of them, though, and you see dramatic changes. No more Mr. Nice Guys from these two. They become fiercely competitive, almost violent players, two of the hardest hitters Nebraska has ever honored with a Black Shirt.

"Mark LeRoy," Nebraska defensive coordinator Lance Van Zandt says, "will knock your head off. So will Russell Gary. Maybe that's why I like to watch them play. They've got something in 'em down deep."

For LeRoy, it was a case of necessity, growing up in the Cutler Ridge section of Miami, Florida, an environment where survival depended on aggressiveness.

"When you walked home, you made sure you walked the right way and you prepared yourself," LeRoy explains. "I used to fight all the time when I was young. I learned how to handle myself."

It shows. Nebraska's 6-2, 204-pound senior monster with :04.6 speed has solidified the Husker secondary, carrying on in the fine tradition of his predecessor, Jim Pillen.

"Jim Pillen was a winner and Mark LeRoy is a winner, too," Van Zandt says. "You can really tell they love to play the game."

In his second season as Nebraska's starting safety, 6-foot, 180-pound junior Russell Gary also loves to play the game. "But he absolutely hates to make mistakes and very seldom does," Van Zandt says. "I can't even remember the last time he busted an audible. He's a real perfectionist, one of the biggest I've ever seen. He wants to do everything right."

Gary can't help it. He learned to be a perfectionist when he was a 1,200-yard

rusher and all-state running back at Central High School in Minneapolis. Everything he tried he excelled in. He was so good in basketball, Indiana offered a scholarship. He even placed in the 220 in the Minnesota state track meet.

His continual striving for perfection helped him make one of the quickest, smoothest transitions Nebraska football has produced — from number two running back on the freshman team behind Craig Johnson to starting safety on the varsity nine months later.

"That takes a great athlete," Van Zandt says. "Russell didn't play much defense in high school, but he learned in a hurry. I'm glad he's fast (:04.5) and smart and tough."

"I don't have the background Mark has," Gary says. "But I had to be pretty tough to survive at Minneapolis Central. There were some big, tough guys around there, too."

**N**ot nearly as big or nearly as tough, though, as the players and fans LeRoy battled in his two-year stint at Clackamas, Oregon, Community College.

"I'm not kidding. The fans were almost as tough as the players in that league," LeRoy says. "We played a lot of our games in logging communities and those guys couldn't wait for the football game to roll around every weekend, so they'd have a good reason to start a good fight."

LeRoy knew what he was getting into after an outstanding career at Seattle's Evergreen High School, where he was a teammate and close friend of ex-Washington State All-America quarterback Jack Thompson, the Throwin' Samoan.

Three major college scholarships were offered to LeRoy, but they came from what he calls three losers — Washington State, Oregon and Oregon State.

"I didn't want to play for a loser," he says. "I wanted to go with a winner, so I thought my best bet was the junior college route to prove what I could do."

LeRoy admits Clackamas "was in a bush league and we had the reputation as some of the biggest cheap shot artists in it."

Still, Clackamas sounded like the perfect

place for a guy who wanted to get even tougher than he already was.

"The year before I got there, Clackamas played in Grace Harbor, Washington, a logging town. The game had one of the longest fights in football," LeRoy relates. "They say the fans, the players and the coaches were going at each other so hard, it took an hour to break it up, clear the field and restore some order. After playing two years in that league, I have to believe it's true. I doubt if anyone was exaggerating."

In a way, LeRoy felt like "I'd fit right in. I fought so much when I was little, I wasn't going to let any violence stand in my way of going after what I wanted most."

LeRoy made great strides getting there and drew considerable national attention his sophomore season with a record 15 interceptions. The last one, however cost him. He was kicked out of his last junior college game for fighting.

"It wasn't my fault, though," he insists. "We were playing Treasure Valley, Oregon, and I punted the ball. It was blown dead inside the 10 and I moved two yards to my left and this big Samoan came in and just nailed me."

"I might have thought it was unintentional, but I looked up and saw the guy look at me and smile. I knew then he'd come in and lowered the boom on purpose after the whistle."

"I thought to myself: 'This guy has got to go.' So I ran after him, caught up with him, got him on the ground and tried to pull his helmet off. We both got kicked out for fighting."

LeRoy didn't want to get involved in the dirty stuff, but sometimes, he says, it was unavoidable.

"Our coach even got into a fight after a game one time in Idaho," LeRoy recalls. "Three drunk loggers came up to him after the game and started to zero in on him. He put his hand in one guy's mouth and caused \$15,000 worth of damage."

"I mean, it was unreal. After one of our games, some loggers were pouring wine all over our cheerleaders and our fullback raced over and knocked one guy's teeth

completely out. Community college was a lot of fun, but it was one giant game of survival."

LeRoy's reputation as one of the hardest hitters in the Big Eight has its roots on those junior college fields.

"My goal," he says, "is to be one of the hardest-hitting defensive backs in the country. I really do shoot for that. I love to watch Brad Van Pelt and Jack Tatum in the pros. I like the way they come up and hit people."

As long as it's legal and not cheap, LeRoy likes his hits cut from the same mold.

"The best hit I ever had," he says, "was in junior college. We were playing Wenatche, Washington, and their quarterback went back to set up a screen pass. I read it before anyone else did and I had a 20-yard alley right up the middle to the guy who caught it. You can build up a lot of steam in 20 yards. The guy didn't see me coming. He didn't finish the game either."

The four sons of Robert and Marjorie LeRoy of Seattle all grew up tough in a close-knit family. Robert LeRoy wasn't surprised by it all. He was a two-year letterman at Michigan State as an offensive back.

Robert LeRoy Jr., the oldest, still plays rugby as a 25-year-old graduate student at Washington. Mike, 21, played on the same Clackamas team as Mark. Timmy, 18, is the youngest. He's a hard-hitting, starting free safety at Evergreen High School this year.

Gary also owes his toughness to the influence of older brothers. Kenny Gary, 25, "was the toughest," Russell says. "He got an academic scholarship to Harvard and is in medical school there, but he was one tough football player. He even runs a martial arts school in Boston. He's big on Kung Fu."

Prentice Gary, 29, is the vice-president of a firm in Dallas. "He was probably just as tough as Kenny. But since Kenny's younger, I remember watching him more," Russell says. "I went to their games when I was knee-high to a grasshopper. I grew up in a football family and watched some pretty tough teams."

It developed Russell into a pretty tough guy. Nothing seems to bother him, not even the Penn State tight end who gouged him between the eyes earlier this season in Nebraska's 42-17 win. For two weeks, Gary's face looked like raw hamburger. "It'll probably leave a scar," he says, "but I

have more important things to worry about."

Like playing physical in a physical defense and calling the signals in Nebraska's secondary.

"Our game," Gary says, "is being physical. The coaches keep telling us you have to outhit someone to beat them and so far, we have. We've outhit everyone. There isn't a guy on this defense who doesn't like to hit."

"Coach Van Zandt preaches hitting, but even if he didn't, this would be a striking defense anyway because of the kind of

guys on it. Brent (Williams), L. C. (Cole) and Derrie (Nelson) are like Mark and me. They'd rather hit you than wait for you to hit them."

Gary grins when he thinks about some of the stories he's heard from Van Zandt. "I don't know if they're all true or not," he says. "Like the secondary guy who was supposed to dog this receiver all day, no matter what. Coach Van Zandt says the guy caught the ball out-of-bounds and the defensive back jumped clear into the bleachers after him."

It may sound far-fetched. But after listen-



**Mark LeRoy (23) moves into position behind the down linemen, waiting for the snap before he can read his key and make his move.**

John Bills photo

ing to Mark LeRoy stories, Gary believes anything's possible.

"We had fights in Minneapolis, too," Gary says, "but they were nothing like they were in those logging towns. It's too bad, but there are a lot of cheap-shot artists who play football.

"My senior year, we were playing the last place team in the city league and beating them. With two minutes left, one of their defensive tackles, who was about 6-4 and 225 pounds, came across after a play and hit one of our defensive ends right on the back of the head. He almost knocked him

friends punched me, so we squared off. We usually didn't start the fights, but three of our players were suspended when they got in a fight with Washburn.

"I was in it, too, but I didn't start it. I was just protecting myself. It was typical high school. We were really at each other's throats, but after all the fighting, it seemed like we were all friends again."

LeRoy and Gary realize some might construe their experiences as a glorification of fighting, but both would be disappointed if they did.

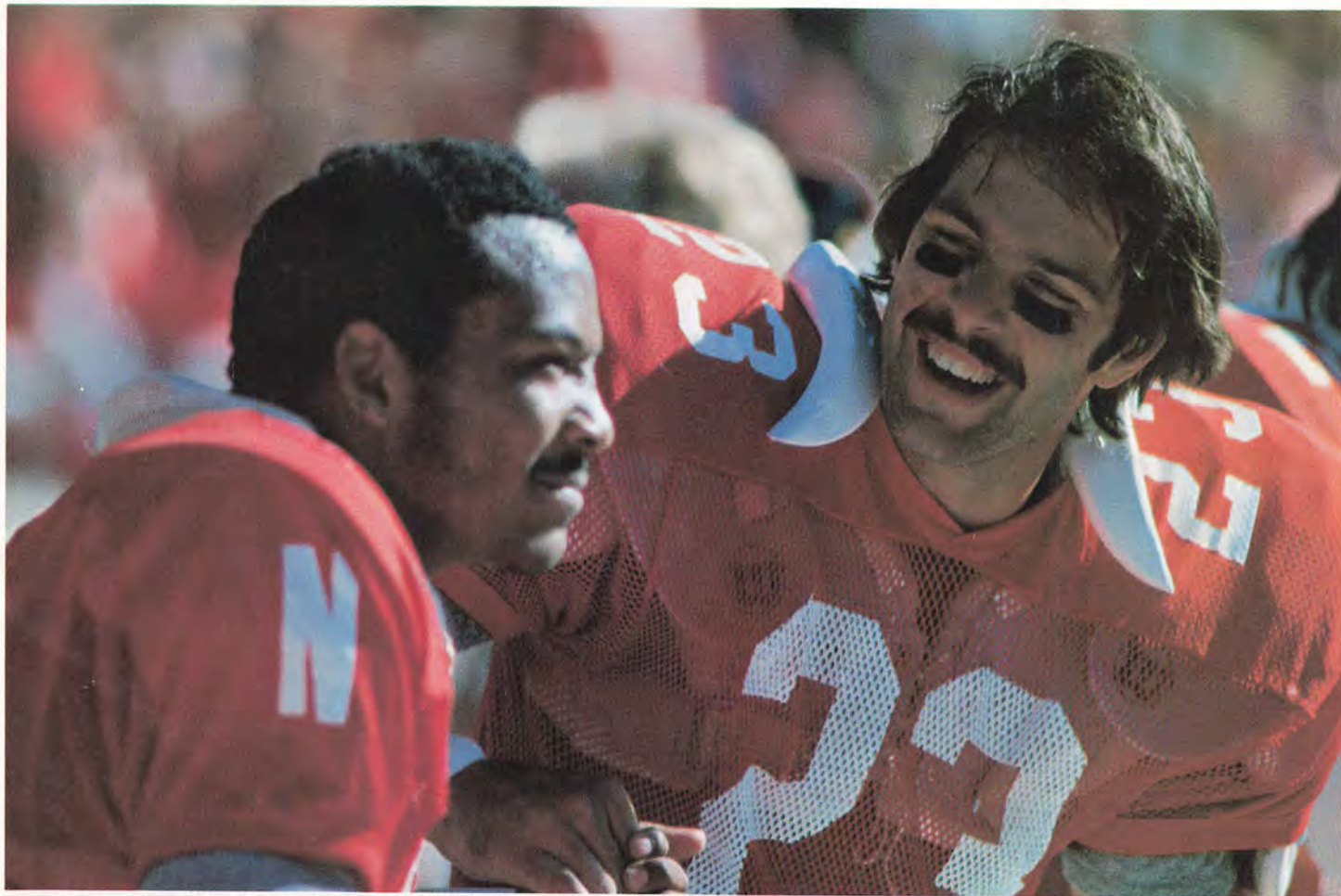
ing on with Nebraska.

"You can have those mining towns and logging communities," he says. "I'm glad I'm here with a winner. I've worked hard and gone through a lot to get here."

Gary, the ex-running back turned safety, selected Nebraska over a fistful of other offers.

While LeRoy came from the School of Hard Knocks, Gary earned an instant degree in the School of Hard Hits.

"We knew right from the start that he'd be an excellent defensive back," Van Zandt says. "He came right at people. He hasn't



Russell Gary, left, and Mark LeRoy whoop it up on the bench while the offense works on the field.

John Bills photo

out. I jumped on top of that guy in a hurry.

"We had more fights in basketball, though," Gary remembers. "For some reason, whenever we'd play North High, our biggest rivals, something would always come up.

"They had a guy who was one of the best players in the state, but I think there was something wrong with his head. He always had to start something, even if he had to spit in your hair to do it.

"One time, he elbowed one of our guys as hard as he could right in front of everybody. I was coming behind and one of his

"Starting a fight shows no class at all," LeRoy says. "Nebraska never has had a reputation for being that way and never will. Coaches around here won't tolerate it."

LeRoy's background won't tolerate it either. "There were just times and circumstances I couldn't avoid," he says. "They made me a lot tougher, but they're behind me now. The big time has a lot more class."

Southern Cal, Texas, Missouri and Cal were among the teams expressing an interest in LeRoy after his junior college career. But he didn't waste any time hook-

and he doesn't shy away from anyone."

Gary carries the additional responsibility of calling Nebraska's coverages, a job he inherited when Pillen was graduated.

"He's like a traffic cop back there," Van Zandt says.

"I'm glad he is," LeRoy says. "I don't plan on getting in any more fights. But if it happens, I'm glad Russell's back there with me. I'd hate to have him on the other side."

Every Dr. Jekyll, it seems, can use a Mr. Hyde — when and if the occasion calls for it. **N**

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## SCOUTING REPORT

# Oklahoma Sooners



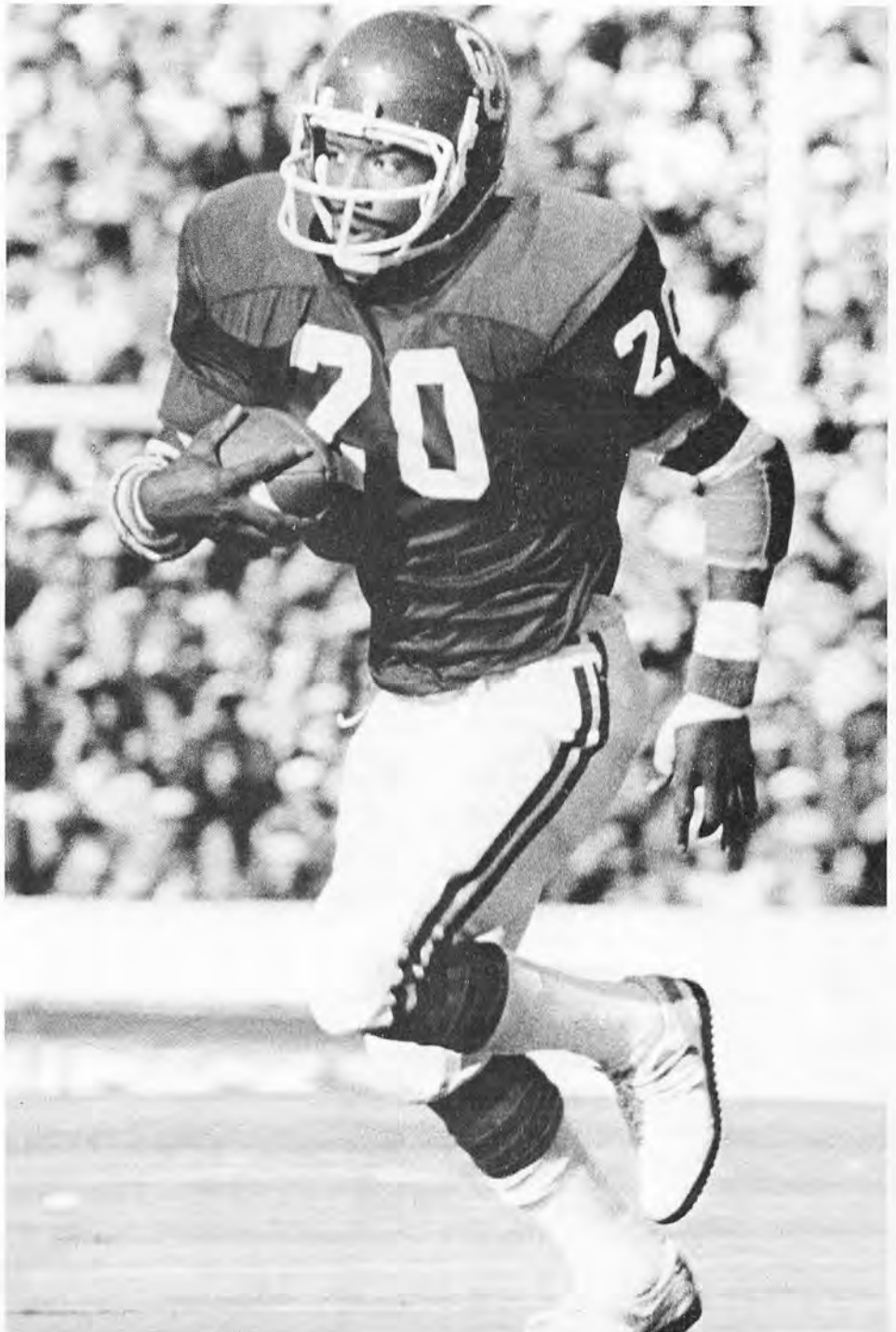
by Ellen Parker

Oklahoma, where dirt is reddest and oil gushes highest, also produces only the most deluxe-model football team. The 1979 edition of the Sooner machine is as flashy as ever; it comes complete with college football's winningest coach and two of the best players in the nation.

Coach Barry Switzer's record is enough to impress even the most jaded football follower. He's lost only twice at home in his seven seasons as Sooner head coach and his total wins now number in the seventies. In Norman, the natty Switzer has achieved near-deity status; his word is gridiron gospel to the flocks of Sooner devotees.

Switzer's archangel, Billy Sims, is the winner of last year's Heisman, but he's not satisfied with just one trophy. He's trying for another one this year. In case Sims fails to become the second player in college football history to earn two Heismans — Ohio State's Archie Griffith was the first — don't feel too sorry for him. His mantlepiece is already overloaded with awards, quite a few of which he's won this year. Several weeks ago, Sims captured the NCAA record for average gain per rush for a back carrying a minimum of 400 times in his career. He also recently moved into second place on the OU list for touchdowns and points scored. In addition, Sims has become the seventh player in the Big Eight to rush for more than 3,000 yards, but he's only third on the Sooner all-time rushing list — an indication of the might of past Oklahoma backs.

Linebacker George Cumby is the Billy Sims of the OU defense. Cumby is not as highly-publicized as his offensive teammate, but the Sooner coaches think he's just as valuable to the team. Cumby's re-



**Billy Sims, last year's Heisman Trophy winner, has not enjoyed the big-yardage games of a year ago, primarily because he's been running behind an inexperienced offensive line. But Sims has been the national scoring leader most of the season.**

ceived his share of honors: he's been named to the All-Big Eight team for two years in a row and was an All-America selection last year. Put your money on Cumby to repeat both honors this year.

If anything, this has been a rebuilding year for the Sooners. Last year's senior class ranked among the school's best talent-wise. Sims also was a member of that class, but was redshirted because of an injury.

Switzer started the season by proclaiming, "We're going to be a team that's not nearly as experienced or as talented as the teams we had in 1977 and 1978."

From last year's senior class, 10 were drafted into National Football League ranks and another is playing in Canada.

Still, the OU football program is not exactly in a state of disrepair. Like Nebraska, a poor year at Oklahoma will include only a few losses.

Tradition has much to do with Oklahoma's success. The Sooners annually harvest one of the finer freshman crops in the nation, thanks to the overabundance of Texas athletes. The Sooners, though, may be taking on more of a national flavor. Of the 27 letter-of-intent signees this year, eight were from Texas and nine were from Oklahoma. They also landed prizes from such states as Illinois, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri and California.

So, even though the Sooners were soundly beaten by Texas earlier this fall, there's no reason to believe Oklahoma is headed for a football depression. The Sooners probably are simply in a shallow valley before scaling the next mountain.

#### OFFENSE

**LINE** — Switzer says the young line has come along faster than he'd expected. And assistant head coach Merv Johnson is "impressed by the temperament and intelligence of the group." Chances are opposing defenders are more impressed with the size of the interior five; it's the biggest line in Oklahoma history.

Veteran Paul Tabor is back at center after starting at guard last year and Louis Oubre returns to man the left tackle spot with authority. Ed Culver took over the starting duties at right tackle after Lyndel Byford was sidelined for the season with a knee injury. Redshirt freshman Don Key and junior Terry Crouch are the starting guards.

**RECEIVERS** — A sure-handed bunch. Tight end Forrest Valora has been the most effective OU pass catcher. He's backed up by promising freshman Michael Weddington.

Top split end Steve Rhodes was injured early in the season, but Freddie Nixon and Bobby Grayson have been handling the split end chores with plenty of zip.



**Barry Switzer is in his seventh season as Oklahoma head coach. He entered 1979 with a phenomenal 62-6-2 record. Switzer has lost only two home games in his tenure.**

**QUARTERBACK** — Sooner coaches were calling J. C. Watts the most talented passer they've had in years, but Watts has proven more effective as a scrambler. Watts is behind Sims on the OU rushing list this year, and the quarterback's 122-yard rushing performance against Tulsa was one of the Sooners' best this season. Sophomore Kelly Phelps is Watts' able backup and he's also a rushing threat; he scooted for 97 yards against Rice earlier this year.

**RUNNING BACKS** — Billy Sims isn't the whole story here. His running mate, half-back David Overstreet, is also a formidable rusher. Two freshmen phenoms, Stanley Wilson and Weldon Ledbetter, play full-back. Wilson is third on the Sooner rushing list this year, but he's also been on the receiving end of several passes. Ledbetter had a good outing against Oklahoma State a few weeks ago. The coaches feel that performance is a portent of things to come for the young speedster.

**OVERALL** — Anytime Sims touches the ball the Sooners have a chance to score. There's also lots of promise in the receiving corps and Sims' fellow backs. J. C. Watts'

passing game hasn't been as effective as his coaches had hoped, but they insist he's got great passing ability. And now everyone knows Watts also can be effective as a running quarterback. The young, but reasonably efficient line has developed about as well as anyone could have hoped.

#### DEFENSE

**LINE** — Tackle John Goodman is the veteran on the line. Once again, he's among the team leaders in total tackles. Junior Keith Gary is performing well at the left tackle position. Starting nose guard Richard Turner has led the linemen in tackles throughout the season.

The ends are an experienced group, led by two-year starter Bruce Taton. He and left end Barry Burget, also a senior, are a game-smart pair, backed up by another veteran, senior Greg Sellmyer.

**LINEBACKER** — Cumby is the undisputed king of the defensive hill. He's way out in front of his teammates — and the rest of the league for that matter — in the tackling department. On the other side is Barry Dittman, who on any other team would be the linebacking superstar. He's second to Cumby in total tackles for the Sooners, but

he still leads the rest of the pack by a considerable margin.

**SECONDARY** — All the starters from last year are back, although cornerback Jay Jimerson has been hobbled with injuries recently. He should return, though, for this Saturday's game. Junior Basil Banks and senior Mike Babb are the other top cornerbacks. At safety are two more good ones, seniors Darrol Ray and Sherwood Taylor. Ray was all-conference last year, and is bucking for the same honor this year. Sherwood leads the secondary in tackles and passes broken up.

**OVERALL** — No visible holes in this veteran defense. Cumby is probably capable of single-handedly thwarting most of the offenses in the Big Eight. For Nebraska, however, the Sooners will need a group effort.

#### KICKING

Freshman Michael Keeling handles both place-kicking and punting duties. At the end of October, he was leading the league with a punting average of 45.7. Keeling is backed up by Ray.

#### SERIES

Oklahoma has the 32-24-3 edge over Nebraska. The Huskers have beaten their premier rival only three times since 1970. The two split a pair last season, Nebraska winning the regular-season thriller 17-14 in Lincoln and Oklahoma capturing the celebrated rematch in the Orange Bowl 31-24.

#### INJURIES

Darrol Ray, OU's fine safety, suffered a pulled hamstring and his availability for Nebraska will be on a day-by-day basis. Ray was hurt chasing Missouri's Phil Bradley on a 68-yard touchdown run. Defensive tackle John Goodman suffered a hip-pointer, but he should be ready for the big game.

#### RECORD

Since the 16-7 loss to Texas on October 13 and the three-point first half at Kansas State the next week, the Sooners have been making rapid strides.

They scored 38 points in four successive games against K-State, Iowa State, Oklahoma State and Kansas before last week's 24-22 nail-biter at Missouri.

Billy Sims provided the spark in that one, gaining 282 yards on 36 carries. His 70-yard touchdown run in the third quarter gave OU a lead it never relinquished, despite an exhausting finish. The Tigers' Ron Verrilli missed a 27-yard field goal with 2:21 left in the game.

"I'm glad I don't have to play them again," said OU safety Sherwood Taylor. "Bradley is one of the best quarterbacks I've ever seen."

Added freshman fullback Stanley Wilson, "We were awfully lucky. If I were Missouri, I'd recruit a kicker." **N**

# YOU'RE THE COACH

The long wait is over. The Nebraska-Oklahoma game is upon us. The 10-0 Cornhuskers will meet the 9-1 Sooners this Saturday in Norman, Oklahoma.

Statistically, the two teams are much alike. Nebraska has rushed for 323 more yards than the Sooners and passed for 501 more.

One statistic jumps out. And that is in the punting department. Just to show how comparable the two teams are, both have punted only 36 times and Oklahoma's kicks have traveled exactly 11 yards further.

OU has tied a school record by losing 35 fumbles so far and Billy Sims is one short of Steve Owens' school-record 23 touchdowns, which was set in 1969.

Here's how Nebraska and Oklahoma match up statistically:

	NU	OU							
1979 Record to Date	10-0	9-1	<b>FUMBLES/</b>						
Returning Starters	12	11	<b>LOST</b>	31/21	52/35				
1978 Overall Record	9-3	11-1							
<b>TEAM OFFENSE</b>			<b>PENALTIES/</b>						
Rushes attempted	662	592	<b>YARDS</b>	58/593	75/631				
Yards gained	3783	3502	<b>INDIVIDUAL OFFENSE</b>						
Yards lost	221	263	Rushing	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	
Net yards gained	3562	3239	(NU) Redwine	137	978	7.1	8		
Avg. gain per rush	5.4	5.9	(NU) Hipp	112	539	4.8	4		
Touchdowns	34	45	(NU) Johnson	93	526	5.7	6		
			(NU) Franklin	88	499	5.7	4		
Passes attempted	165	81	(OU) Sims	196	1259	6.4	22		
Passes completed	86	37	(OU) Watts	111	442	4.0	9		
Passes intercepted	6	5	Passing	PA	PC	PI	YDS	TD	
Percentage	.521	.457	(NU) Hager	90	46	4	680	6	
Total Yards	1215	714	(NU) Quinn	72	39	2	522	3	
Touchdowns	10	3	(OU) Watts	73	35	4	655	3	
			Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD		
Passes caught	86	37	(NU) Smith	29	449	15.5	1		
Total yards	1215	714	(NU) Miller	20	384	19.2	7		
Avg. gain per catch	14.1	19.3	(OU) Nixon	10	192	19.2	0		
Touchdowns	10	3	(OU) Valora	8	176	22.0	0		
<b>TEAM DEFENSE</b>			<b>INDIVIDUAL DEFENSE</b>						
Rushes attempted	359	502	Tackles	Solo	Assisted				
Yards gained	1080	1883	(NU) Baker	51	28				
Yards lost	408	410	(NU) Williams	38	27				
Net yards gained	672	1473	(NU) Vering	31	28				
Avg. gain per rush	1.9	2.9	(OU) Cumby	62	67				
Touchdowns	5	na	(OU) Dittman	53	45				
			Interceptions						
Passes attempted	239	230	(NU) LeRoy	4					
Passes completed	107	115	(NU) Lindquist	3					
Passes intercepted	16	17	(OU) Ray	4					
Percentage	.448	.500	Fumble Recoveries						
Total yards	1226	1316	(NU) Nelson	2					
Touchdowns	5	3	(NU) Barnett	2					
<b>PUNTING</b>			(OU) Goodman	3					
Number	36	36	na — not available.						
Yards	1417	1428							
Avg.	39.4	39.7							
Longest	61	58							

1972 ORANGE BOWL

# Whipping Alabama Was Anticlimatic

by Steve Pederson



It would seem impossible that a bowl game victory that meant the national championship in college football could be anticlimatic. But, in many ways, that is exactly what the 1972 Orange Bowl was for Nebraska.

The Cornhuskers romped and stomped in a 38-6 triumph over the Crimson Tide of Alabama, giving Nebraska its second straight national title. But let's go deeper than the score; let's go **INSIDE CORNHUSKER SPORTS**.

The man who will take us to the '72 Orange Bowl and inside the 1971 national championship team is Carl Johnson, third-team All-America and All-Big Eight offensive tackle who now is living in Mesa, Arizona. Johnson enjoyed a professional football career with the New Orleans Saints after his outstanding years at Nebraska.

The anticlimatic part of the 1972 Orange Bowl came about because of the "Game of the Century" little more than a month before. That's when Nebraska edged Oklahoma 35-31 on Thanksgiving Day in Norman. That was the meeting of what many believe were two of the best college football teams ever assembled.

But after that game, matching numbers one and two, the emphasis shifted almost immediately to the Nebraska-Alabama matchup.

"It was a little anticlimatic," says Johnson. "The really big game was against Oklahoma. We all respected Alabama and we knew they had a good team, but we also really knew that we would win."

And win the Huskers did. Many tried to build the contest into the second "Game of the Century" because Alabama had jumped to number two in the wire-service polls. But, as it turned out, it wasn't even the

Larry Jacobson was a superior defensive tackle, an All-Big Eight and All-America first-teamer in 1971. But he was just one of many gifted players on what many consider the best college football team of all time. Jacobson was inducted into the Nebraska Hall of Fame this year.



Johnny Rodgers evades a swarm of tacklers, uncorking a 77-yard punt return for a touchdown that broke open the 1972 Orange Bowl game.

game of the day. Nebraska was overpowering, jumping to a 28-0 halftime lead and, for all practical purposes, the second half was played for funsies.

What was so special about the 1971 Nebraska team? Johnson thinks he knows.

"I think we had the greatest collection of talent ever assembled," he says. "I don't think you'll have that much talent on a team again, mainly because of the scholarship ruling. We were well coached and well disciplined and we had played together for a lot of years."

The Husker offensive line, like virtually every other facet of the team, was outstanding. Johnson was a right tackle, Daryl White was at left tackle, Keith Wortman and Dick Ruppert were the guards and Doug Dumler was at center.

"Four out of five of us played professional football," recalls Johnson, "and I always felt like the one that didn't, Dick Ruppert, was the best lineman of the bunch."

The Huskers started the season as the team to beat — and they stayed that way all year.

"This team was very business-like," recalls Johnson. "We took each game in stride. We were so good that year — in fact,

we were picked to be number one in *Sports Illustrated* and I think that was the last time they ever picked the right team. We knew what we could do. We had seen Johnny Rodgers perform so many miracles. We had no apprehensions going into the Orange Bowl game."

But, with or without Rodgers, Johnson believes there is no way Alabama could have won that game.

"It was purely a case of us being the better team," he says. "It was a lot of fun playing that game and Miami is a fun place to go. The team was even better than the year before, so we knew we were going to win."

As for the visit, Johnson says, "It was a reward for a fine season. It was a little cold in Nebraska and the beaches in Miami were nice. Another thing for us was to finish by winning the national championship. We thought the Oklahoma game was the game for the number one ranking, but we had to play the bowl game to finish the season."

It probably went unnoticed in the stands and to the television viewers, but Johnson remembers his role in the first play from scrimmage.

"The guy I was supposed to block was number 77. He was one of their great players, a big and strong type of tackle. At that time, Keith Wortman and I were best friends and on the opening play, Keith and I were supposed to double-team this guy. We just buried him. That was really a great way to start the game."

But the thrill of the Orange Bowl, says Johnson, was "beating Alabama, I always like to beat Alabama."

Johnson played two years for a Nebraska team that did not lose a game — and his love for the memories is apparent.

"Those were the greatest years of my life," he says. "I'll always have admiration and affection for Nebraska. I transferred up to Nebraska my sophomore year after playing junior-college ball and I loved it. The players, the coaches, the people of Nebraska were great and were really behind the university. I just left with such a great feeling."

Like the other seniors from the 1971 team, Johnson didn't leave with just good feelings. He also could look back on two Orange Bowl trophies and back-to-back national championships. **N**

**Next: 1973 ORANGE BOWL.**

# HUSKER SCORECARD

by Cathy Chown

Two is company and three is a crowd, but three Nebraska backstrokers will be striving to separate themselves from the rest of the Big Eight in that event this year.

Head women's swimming coach Ray Huppert couldn't be happier with his three premier backstrokers and he says it is realistic to believe the three could sweep the 100-yard backstroke.

Huppert emphasized the highly competitive nature of the women's Big Eight, which Nebraska will host February 21-23.

"Last year, three Big Eight women's teams scored well in the AIAW nationals," reminds Huppert.

But he will not have to worry about his backstroke event.

First, Huppert was able to recruit an outstanding freshman from Columbus, Ohio. Sherri Hayward's 200 backstroke finishing time in the AAU Nationals last year was better than the existing Big Eight record and only two-tenths of a second off the Olympic Trials qualifying time.

Junior co-captain JoDea Eckstrom from Marshall, Wisconsin, is a proven performer who has qualified for the AIAW championships in at least one of the three backstroke events three times and between she and Lanny Schaffer of Kansas, the two have placed first or second every year in the Big Eight championships. "She is stronger this year. She is lighter and she is farther along than she's ever been, this early in the season," Huppert says.

Another co-captain, senior Cindy Agee from Omaha, also will carry a big load in the backstroke event. In her first two years with the Huskers, she swam the backstroke leg on the Big Eight championship medley relay team and on the national qualifying medley team.

JoDea and Sherri's strengths lie in the 100 and 200 backstroke events, while Cindy will be strong in the 50 and 100 events.

"I expect both JoDea and Sherri to qualify for the Olympic Trials," Huppert says. He notes the girls will have to swim other events during the season for the benefit of the team. But, he adds, "With the Olympics coming up, I think it's only fair to swim them in those events (backstroke)."

Huppert expects his entire team to be strong this year, with the possible exception of the breaststroke.

But to emphasize the strength of the backstrokers, Huppert has four more women who could place in the top 16 in the Big Eight. Those four, however, will concentrate on other events.

The Huskers will be at home November 28 for a 4 p.m. meet with Florida State, and November 30-December 1 for the Husker Invitational.



Cindy Agee, senior from Omaha, is one of three Husker backstrokers who figure to do well at the conference level. A co-captain, Cindy is strongest in the 50 and 100-yard events.

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



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## 1979 Football Schedule

DATE	NEBRASKA 	IOWA STATE 	KANSAS 	KANSAS STATE 
Sept. 8				
Sept. 15	UTAH STATE 35-14	BOWLING GREEN 38-10	at Pittsburgh 0-24	at Auburn 18-26
Sept. 22	at Iowa 24-21	at Texas 9-17	at Michigan 7-28	OREGON STATE 22-16
Sept. 29	PENN STATE 42-17	at Iowa 14-30	NORTH TEXAS STATE 37-18	at Air Force 19-6
Oct. 6	NEW MEXICO STATE 57-0	UNIV. OF THE PACIFIC 7-24	SYRACUSE 27-45	TULSA 6-9
Oct. 13	KANSAS 42-0	at Kansas State 7-3	at Nebraska 0-42	IOWA STATE 3-7
Oct. 20	at Oklahoma State 36-0	KANSAS 7-24	at Iowa State 24-7	OKLAHOMA 6-38
Oct. 27	COLORADO 38-10	at Oklahoma 9-38	OKLAHOMA STATE 17-30	at Missouri 19-3
Nov. 3	at Missouri 23-20	COLORADO 24-10	KANSAS STATE 36-28	at Kansas 28-36
Nov. 10	at Kansas State 21-12	MISSOURI 9-18	at Oklahoma 0-38	NEBRASKA 12-21
Nov. 17	IOWA STATE 34-3	at Nebraska 3-34	COLORADO 17-31	at Oklahoma State 15-42
Nov. 24	at Oklahoma	OKLAHOMA STATE	MISSOURI	at Colorado
DATE	MISSOURI 	COLORADO 	OKLAHOMA 	OKLAHOMA STATE 
Sept. 8	SAN DIEGO STATE 45-15	OREGON 19-33		NORTH TEXAS STATE 25-7
Sept. 15	at Illinois 14-6	LOUISIANA STATE 0-44	IOWA 21-6	WICHITA STATE 16-6
Sept. 22	at Mississippi 33-7	DRAKE 9-13	TULSA 49-13	Arkansas at Little Rock 7-27
Sept. 29	TEXAS 0-21	at Indiana 17-16	at Rice 63-21	
Oct. 6		at Oklahoma 24-49	COLORADO 49-24	at South Carolina 16-23
Oct. 13	OKLAHOMA STATE 13-14		Texas at Dallas 7-16	at Missouri 14-13
Oct. 20	at Colorado 13-7	MISSOURI 7-13	at Kansas State 38-6	NEBRASKA 0-36
Oct. 27	KANSAS STATE 3-19	at Nebraska 10-38	IOWA STATE 38-9	at Kansas 30-17
Nov. 3	NEBRASKA 20-23	at Iowa State 10-24	at Oklahoma State 38-7	OKLAHOMA 7-38
Nov. 10	at Iowa State 18-9	OKLAHOMA STATE 20-21	KANSAS 38-0	at Colorado 21-20
Nov. 17	OKLAHOMA 22-24	at Kansas 31-17	at Missouri 24-22	KANSAS STATE 42-15
Nov. 24	at Kansas	KANSAS STATE	NEBRASKA	at Iowa State
FINAL 1978 BIG EIGHT STANDINGS			ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIAL	
	Conference	Overall	As expected all along, Nebraska and Oklahoma will clash to determine the Big Eight champion and the Orange Bowl representative. OU's Billy Sims warmed up with an awesome performance against Missouri. He gained 282 yards rushing on 36 carries and enjoyed a 70-yard TD run. "It was probably the best game he's ever had," said Sooner boss Barry Switzer. "His statistics, his touchdown run . . . he was super."	
Oklahoma	6-1	11- 1		
Nebraska	6-1	9- 3		
Iowa State	4-3	8- 4		
Missouri	4-3	8- 4		
Kansas State	3-4	4- 7		
Oklahoma State	3-4	3- 8		
Colorado	2-5	6- 5		
Kansas	0-7	1-10		

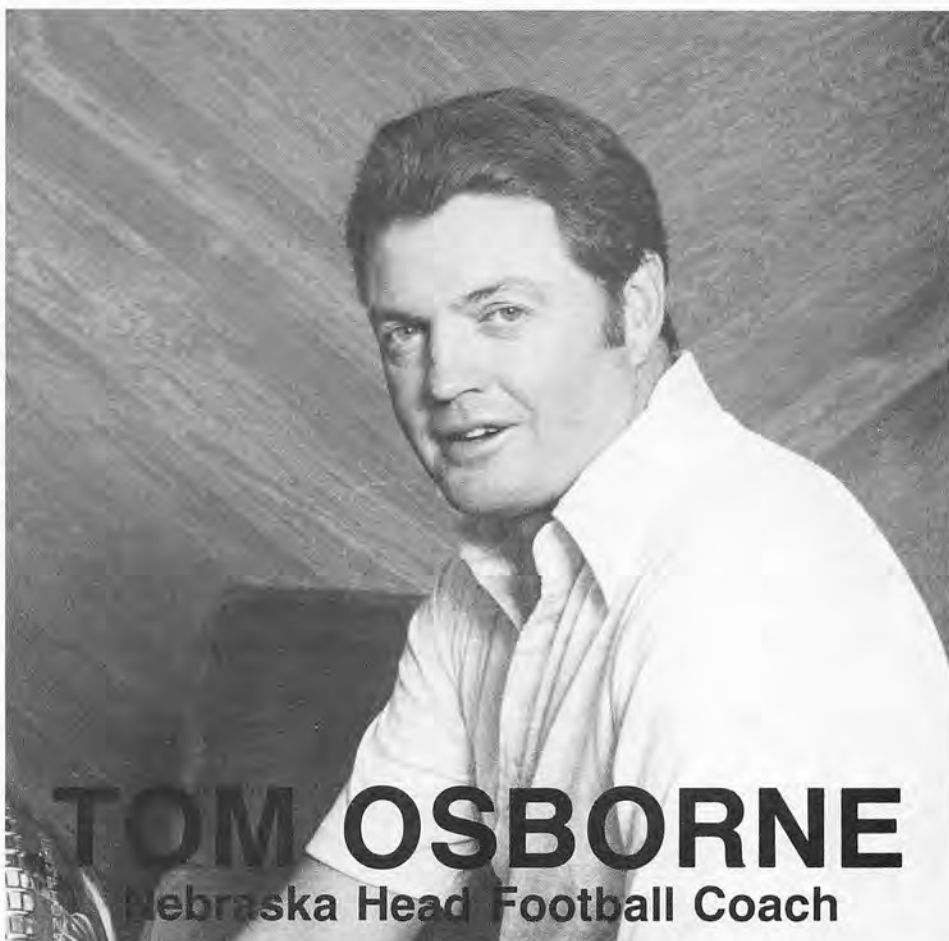
# NEBRASKA

Throughout the Big Eight and the nation, the University of Nebraska is synonymous with "championship football."

Under head coach Tom Osborne, who is enjoying his seventh season as the Huskers' mentor, Nebraska has won two Big Eight titles (1975 and 1978), participated in six bowl games (1974 Cotton, 1974 Sugar, 1975 Fiesta, 1976 Astro-Bluebonnet, 1977 Liberty and 1979 Orange), appeared on national television at least twice a year in the last six seasons and been ranked in the country's top 10 during Osborne's entire reign.

Nebraska's tradition easily compares to the greatness of the 1970s. Under Bob Devaney, former NU head coach (1962-72) and current athletic director, the Huskers won two national championships (1970-71) and eight conference crowns (1963-66, 1969-72). Under Devaney, they were ranked in the nation's top 10 seven times and played in nine bowl games, including three consecutive Orange Bowl contests (1971-73).

The University of Nebraska definitely means "championship football."



## TOM OSBORNE

Nebraska Head Football Coach



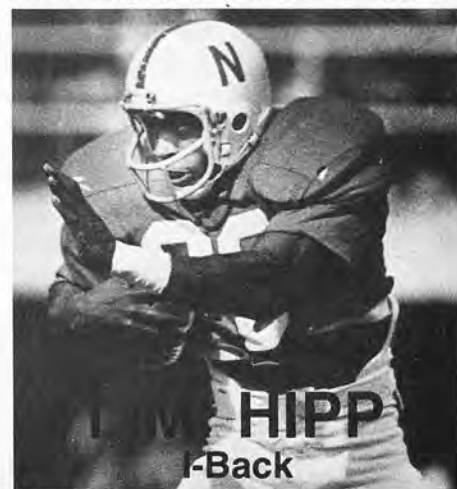
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